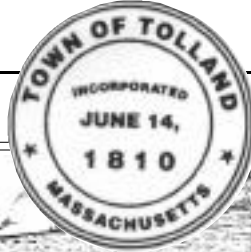




The Newsletter of the High Country, Tolland Massachusetts

The Tolland Tattler

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JULY 2007



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPDEN, SS.

To the Constable of the TOWN OF TOLLAND in the County of Hampden GREETING

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections to meet at the TOWN HALL in said TOWN OF TOLLAND on Tuesday, the seventieth (17) day of July next between the hours of 3:00PM to 7:00PM in the afternoon, for the following purpose:

TO VOTE BY BALLOT FOR THE FOLLOWING:

QUESTION 1. Shall the Town of Tolland be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of DIRT ROAD RECONSTRUCTION for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at FOUR PUBLIC PLACES in said Town, Seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the TOWN CLERK, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

GIVEN UNDER our hands this eighteenth (18) day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand seven.

SELECTMEN OF TOLLAND:

Eric R. Munson, Jr.
James Deming
Steven DellaGiustina

From the office of the Town Clerk

Proposition 2/1 Override Vote by Ballot Tuesday July 17, 2007.

Polls will be open at the Town Hall 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

The last day to register to vote for this vote is Wednesday June 27th. I will be at the Town Hall that day 2-4 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. You can find the application at our town website www.tolland-ma.gov or pick one up at the Town Hall. You can also register to vote at RMV.

This is a Vote by Ballot. If you are unable to be in Town during the hours the polls are open you may request an absentee ballot.

Requesting an absentee ballot:

IMPORTANT: I will automatically send out absentee ballot to those of you who filed a request for absentee ballot form with me for the June 12th vote that was cancelled. If you do not need an absentee ballot sent to you because you will be able to make it to the polls on July 17th please give me a call and let me know by June 25th.

Absentee ballot request forms are available at the Town Hall or on our Town website at www.tolland-ma.gov. Once completed the requests may be dropped off for the Town Clerk during Town Hall business hours, returned by U.S. mail or left in the grey drop box outside the Town Hall. Absentee ballot requests will be accepted at the Town Hall until noon on Monday July 16th.

Return of absentee ballot:

Once the request for absentee ballot is received the ballot will be sent to you via U.S. mail or you can arrange to pick it up at the Town Hall. Return the absentee ballot in the envelopes provided. Be sure to fill out all requested information. The ballot may be returned by dropping it off for the Town Clerk during Town Hall business hours, by U.S. mail or drop it in the grey drop box outside the Town Hall. You have until the closing of the polls to return the completed absentee ballot.

Any questions do not hesitate to contact me at 258-4068 or townclerk@earthlink.net.



Tolland Town Directory

Town Hall - main number : 258-4794
Hours: Mon & Tues. 8:30am to 4pm
Wed. from 8:30am to 12pm

- Emergency - Police/Fire/Ambulance
Dial 911
- Non-Emergency -
Fire/Ambulance/Police 258-4515
- ASSESSOR CLERK - 258-4889
Hours: Mondays 10am - 4:00pm
- BOARD OF ASSESSORS - 258-4889
Hours: Mondays 10am - 4pm
Meeting: 1:00pm - 4th Tuesday of month
- BUILDING INSPECTOR
by appointment only - 258-4590
- DUMP HOURS - SUMMER HOURS
Sundays - 3:00 - 7:00pm
Wednesdays - 5:00 - 7:00pm
Saturdays - 9:00am - 11:00am
- FIRE DEPARTMENT - 258-2859
Meeting & Drill - 7:00 - 10:00
2nd & 4th Tuesdays of Month
- HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - 258-4531
- HISTORICAL SOCIETY
6:30pm - 2nd Tuesday of month
- PLANNING BOARD - 7:00pm
3rd Monday of each month
- TOLLAND LIBRARY
Hours: Monday - 3:00pm - 8:30pm
Thursday - 11:00am - 4:00pm
Saturday - 10:00am - 12:00am
- TOWN CLERK - 258-4068
Hours: Mondays 2:00 - 4:00pm and
by appointment
- * SELECTMEN
Every other Monday at 5:00 unless other
wise noted - July 2, 16, and 30.
- TAX COLLECTOR 258-4794

Fire Department News



The meetings/drills for the month of July are the following Tuesday nights, July 10th and July 24th from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Anyone who wishes to stop by during this time, please feel free to do so. New members are always welcome.

Order forms for the reflective house number signs can be picked up at the Town Hall. An order form is printed in the Tattler also. These signs have proven to be very helpful when responding to calls by the Police Department and responding Fire Departments. A fire department member will deliver your sign to your Tolland residence.

The department has welcomed two new members. Steve Messenger who will be serving as an auxilliary member/driver and Bill Foster, a summer resident who just completed his first responder class, will be serving as an auxilliary member.

During our June 19th drill we performed a simulated interior attack smoke drill in an abandoned house in town. We invited the town of Granville to participate with us. The Granville Fire Dept. provided a smoke machine for this drill. The training went very well with all members of the departments learning valuable skills. We plan on inviting members of other surrounding departments to take part in future drills at this location.

The upcoming Spaghetti Dinner will be held in the first or second week in September on a Saturday. There will be music, beer and wine served and fun for all. It will be held on the Town Green, rain or shine. Final details will be printed in the next month's tattler.

The following are the responses from May 21st through June 20th:

June responses:

- 1 - wires down and on fire
- 1 - tree on power lines
- 1 - medical call
- 1 - odor of gas

A note for all, in any type of emergency, please don't hesitate to call 911. It's better to be safe than sorry.



Chief, Robert Littlefield, Sr.

Tolland Volunteer Fire Department
REFLECTIVE ADDRESS MARKER
ORDER FORM

Please complete the following information:

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, ST. , ZIP _____
PHONE NUMBER _____

Address Number Requested

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Note: if your address has fewer than 5 digits, please X those boxes not used.

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FOR INFORMATION, call 258-2859

Checks payable to: Tolland Volunteer Fire Department
162A Colebrook River Road
Tolland, MA 01034

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT FULL TIME:

The Town of Tolland, MA is seeking a full time (40 hour week) individual to work with the Public Works Department, A CDL license and some experience in road maintenance a plus. Hourly salary \$16.50. Send resume to:

Board of Selectmen
Town of Tolland
241 West Granville Road
Tolland, MA 01034

Granville Federated Church

American Baptist & United Church of Christ
16 Granby Road, Granville, MA 01034—
Phone 413-357-8583

- Morning Worship Services will be held on Sundays at 10am.

All are welcome!

Tolland Trash Compactor Permits

Fiscal 2007 Trash Compactor Permits will expire on June 30, 2007. Fiscal 2008 Trash Compactor Permits are available at the Tolland Town Hall for \$65.00 and will expire on June 30, 2008.

Sandisfield Fire Department

60th Anniversary Breakfast Fuffet will be held Sunday July 1, from 8am to 11am at Station 2 on Route 57. The menu will be pancakes, french toast, scrambled eggs, biscuits, sausage or ham, plus juice, coffee and tea. Adults \$10. Kid under 12 \$5., and kids under 6, free.

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Donna Messenger Calawa who recently received her degree of Doctorate in Ministry at Gordon Conwell Seminary. She will be the speaker at the Tolland Congregational Church beginning on July 8, 2007.

Tolland Ladies Club

The Tolland Ladies Club will have a Tag & Bake Sale on Saturday July 7 from 9am to 3:00pm at the corner of Route 57 and Colebrook River Road - (Marie Whitney Antiques).

The rain date will be Sunday July 8. We hope to see you!

Tag & Bake Sale
July 7 - 9am to 3pm

Corner of Route 57 & Colebrook River Rd.

Tolland Cultural Council

The Tolland Cultural Council will present a 'Concert on the Green'. We have a fabulous band that will play jazz, swing and other favorites. More information coming soon!

Wanted

Free riding, push lawn mowers, roto-tillers or small engines to learn how to do repairs. When calling ask for Jeff at (860) 605-532.

Help Wanted

Looking for a woodworker with own workshop to craft wooden street signs for the Wildwood Community. Signs are pressure treated wood that are routed, sanded and painted. If interested, and to view the signs, please call 413-258-4900 for an appointment.



From the Department of Public Works

The proposed \$100,000 budget for Dirt Roads, if passed is planned for Culvert replacement, road side ditching and rebuilding of the surface of all dirt roads. This plan will take several years to complete.

This being the first year, the work will be done in various locations on dirt roads where unsafe culvert conditions exist and road surfaces need to be built up. In the next several years, the work will be to keep rebuilding the road surfaces and replacing culverts as needed – starting at one end and working to the other end on all dirt roads.

This plan will free up the Chapter 90 funding from the State to be used for maintenance and rebuilding of paved roads. In the past, Chapter 90 money was split between paved roads and dirt roads.

With the increase in traffic on the dirt roads, this plan is needed to keep our dirt roads safe and passable and make them easier to maintain during the winter.

Tolland Town Website

Visit the Tolland Town Website and Sign Up for Automatic Email Delivery of News and Minutes. For those new to Tolland or new to the internet, please be sure you visit the official Town of Tolland website at www.tolland-ma.gov <<http://www.tolland-ma.gov/>> . It's the most complete and current information about the town, bylaws, committees, elected and appointed officials, contact information and news about everything important. You can also sign up for email-delivered news and notices and minutes to the Selectmen's meetings and all committee meetings including Library Trustees, Planning Board, Assessors, Finance Committee, Conservation Commission, etc. Just click on the Subscribe button at the bottom of the home page.

Feedback and ideas and content are welcome... but remember this is an official town site and all content must be approved by the Selectmen before posting.

New Internet site designed specifically for woodland owners in the Wesfield and Deerfield Watershed of Western Massachusetts

Most of the woods of Western Massachusetts are family lands, owned by people often in their late 50's or older. Some of these landowners, or their children, live out of town and don't have access to local information. The average ownership in Western Massachusetts is about 25 acres, which is pretty small in terms of wildlife habitat, streams and water quality, recreational trails, and timber management. To help woodland owners think about how their land fits into the broader landscape and connect them to other owners and sources of information, we've created A CoOperative Resource Network, or ACORN on the internet (<http://massacorn.net>).

This website has links to local woodland information plus you can easily view air photos and other maps of Western Massachusetts, exchange information with other woodland owners, ask question, receive answers, and find other helpful information about trees, forests and communities of the region. Visit massacorn.net to literally see the woods of Western Massachusetts and learn more about their history, ecology, importance and care.

Tolland Council On Aging

Tolland 2007 Summer Yoga Classes Begin June 28

The Tolland Council on Aging Summer Gentle Yoga Class began on Thursday, June 28, 2007 and will continue every Thursday throughout the summer and into September. The class is held from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Tolland Town Hall, 241 W. Granville Rd., Tolland.

Seniors from Granville and other towns, and adults of any age, not just seniors, are all welcome to attend. New students are welcome to the classes at any time during the season. A small donation is requested for each class.

The classes, taught by Sally Barber of the Westfield Yoga Center, are open to persons of all abilities and can also accommodate persons with disabilities: it is not necessary to get down on the floor on a mat to participate in this class. However, bring a mat, if you plan to use it, and a blanket, and a small pillow will also be helpful. Yoga is a great way to stretch and strengthen muscles, improve balance and fitness, and increase overall well being.

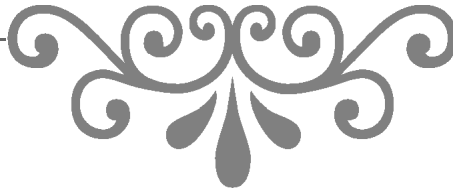
We hope to see you there this summer! Call Elethea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095 for more information.

Tolland Homebound persons list

The Council On Aging and the Tolland emergency providers are establishing a list of Tolland residents that are homebound, do not drive, or are otherwise not able to evacuate their homes. In the event of any local emergency that requires people to evacuate their homes and to proceed to an established shelter the town's emergency services will assist those people unable to get to a shelter. Therefore it's important that if you are homebound, or could not get to a shelter, that you make sure that your name, address and medical or other condition is on the list to be kept by emergency personnel in Tolland.

If you know someone that might need this emergency help, please help them get their name and address on the list as well.

Please submit your name, address and any other pertinent information to the Tolland Town Hall office or call Elthea Goodkin, Regional COA Coordinator, at 413-562-1095 for more information.



Tolland Public Library

Summer is here and so are the summer goodies at the Library.

Beginning July 2nd – ICE CREAM at the Library. A variety of ice cream bars will be available for the price of 50 cents. We have a new refrigerator so the ice cream will be happy. Just like last year, any child age 13 and younger who checks out a book from the library can get their ice cream for just 25 cents. Check out and READ 10 books before Labor Day and you will receive a certificate for a cone at the Gran-Val Scoop! Fill out a form at the Library and have some Sweet Reads.

Beginning July 7th – PASTRY and COFFEE at the Library. Every Saturday from 10 – 12. Decaf and regular coffee will be available along with assorted pastries or treats. Come in and use the wireless connection, use the Library computer, get a book and start the day with a treat. Donations will be accepted on behalf of the Western Massachusetts Regional Library System. Without their help, we would not be able to receive books through Inter-Library Loan or have the satellite internet connection with wireless. They foot the bill for both of those vital services and we would like to send them a little something in return. Please be generous.

Dates to remember:

July 19, 2007 – Ed the Wizard. Reading is Magic. 1:00 pm at the Library. In case of rain, we will be at the Town Hall. “With the power of being able to read, nothing is beyond your grasp. You can travel to far away places, climb mountains, tame lions, sail a boat around the world, travel through time, or even learn to become a wizard!” from edthewizard.com.

July 26, 2007 – Art Exhibit opening 7:00-8:30 pm. The art of Hillary Carl will be shown at the Tolland Public Library from July 26 through September 1st. Come join us for the evening to view her new work, have some refreshments and visit with others from town.

August 16, 2007 – Henry the Juggler at 1:00 pm. In case of rain, we will be at the Town Hall. Enjoy the show and even learn how to juggle. ” Henry the Juggler is considered armed (and legged) and dangerous. He is known to cause spontaneous outbursts of laughter...WARNING: Henry involves innocent bystanders in his act.” from henrylappen.com.

New Books:

Body Surfing by Anita Shreve
Children of Hurin by J.R.R. Tolkien
I Heard That Song Before by Mary Higgins Clark
Navigator by Clive Cussler
Porch Talk by Philip Gulley
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
The Reagan Diaries by Ronald Reagan
You on a Diet by Mehmet Oz MD
Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick
The Astonishing Adventures of Fan Boy and Goth Girl by Barry Lyga
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling available after July 21



Tolland Library

Henry the Juggler to Appear on Thursday, August 16, 2007

Henry the Juggler is believed to be in your area! The Tolland Library will present his hilarious show on Thursday, August 16. Show time is 1:00 PM.

Henry the Juggler is considered armed (and legged) and dangerous. He is known to cause spontaneous outbursts of laughter. He speaks little, but says a great deal through his expression and body language. He has in his possession BALLS, CLUBS, RINGS, TORCHES and other apparatus of his trade. He is capable of walking on a thin wire high above the ground.

Warning: Henry involves innocent bystanders in his act. Henry the Juggler is a professional. He has been seen by tens of thousands up and down the East Coast - at theaters, schools, festivals and town events. He has been performing for over twenty years. He studied physical comedy at California's Dell'Arte School. He is an active member of the International Jugglers' Association.

The Tolland Cultural Council and the Tolland Library are believed to be in cahoots with Henry. They have sponsored his appearance. For more information, please call Jessica Kelmelis at 413-258-4201.



Don't miss Henry the Juggler!

Museum Passes

Don't forget that the Tolland Library has museum passes available to patrons.

- Norman Rockwell Museum – Admits four to Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge MA
- Hancock Shaker Village – Admits two adults and two youth aged 13-17. Children 12 and under are always free.

Passes may be reserved in advance. Patrons must leave a deposit check of \$25 which is returned upon the return of the pass. Passes must be picked up on the Library open day before needed and returned on the next open day.

2007 GRANVILLE HARVEST FAIR COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND

Applications are now available for artists and craftsmen to apply for booth space at the 26th Annual Harvest Fair, Columbus Day Weekend, October 6, 7 and 8, 2007.

The following Granville organizations may be contacted for Vendor applications by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request to:

Federated Church – Jenny Maceyka, 173 South Lane, Granville
Old Meeting House – Coralie Stevenson, P.O. Box 193, Granville
Town Green – Linda Blakesley, 397 Main Road, Granville
Town Library – Nancy Petersen, P.O. Box 222, Granville
Village School – Susan Richardson, 462 Main Rd, Granville

The Veterans Corner

The Agawam Memorial Honor Roll is finally completed, so now I can move on to my next project! I have created the first annual golf tournament for the Massachusetts Veterans Service Officers Association. The Association is made up of Veteran Service Officers from the entire Commonwealth, of which I am a member. We are trying to raise money for scholarships for returning Veterans and for needed items for the families of those who are deployed. This is a great cause, and I am trying to make the first one a huge success. I decided to hold the tournament right here in Agawam because there can be times when people from the other side of the state think not much happens here. I want to show them that the people from this area are among the most Patriotic that I have ever seen. The support this office gets is SECOND TO NONE in the Commonwealth.

So now I am asking for your support. We have hole sponsorships available for 100, 75, and 50 dollars. We also have Corporate sponsors available for 500 dollars, and I am currently seeking a Tournament sponsor. The tournament sponsor can dictate the price! We also have room for a limited amount of four-somes at 99 dollars per player. The event will be held at Oak Ridge on Friday, August 3, 2007 at 10:00 and includes lunch and dinner. It will be a scramble format with a shotgun start. I also need volunteers for a few small projects on the course that day.

Another item needed will be a hole-in-one sponsor. Hopefully we can find a car or pool company that would be willing to help out. I know it is a lot to ask for, but as I said, I want to show these people that you don't have to live in Eastern Massachusetts to support our Troops. We will not host this tournament for a while, and GOD WILLING we won't have any more period!

I thank you in advance for your donation. If you know of a company that might be able to help us, pass along the information, or call the office and I'll make the call for you.

As always, remember that we live in the Land of the free, because of the Brave!

Richard J. Girard Jr., Director of Veterans' Services, Western Hampden District

1st ANNUAL M.V.S.O.A. GOLF TOURNAMENT
Friday August 3, 2007 - 10 a.m. shotgun start- 4 man scramble
Oak Ridge Golf Club Agawam, Ma.

\$ 99 per player includes: Greens fees, cart, golf shop services, locker, shower, dinner, and lunch. (Dinner only- 25.00). Hotel packages available for 1 and 2 nights.

Call Richie Girard with questions at 413-786-0400 ext 236
I will take all registrations by phone. FIRST 36 FOURSOMES!

-----TEAR HERE-----
SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!!!

Hole Sponsors Red- \$100.00 - White- \$ 75.00 - Blue- \$ 50.00

Raffle Sponsors Raffle prizes may be donated by sponsors. All sponsors who donate will be placed in our sponsorship programs.

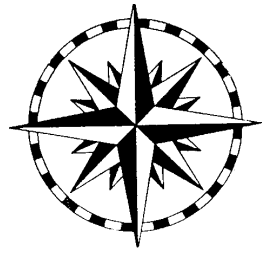
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Raffle Donation	_____	\$ _____
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Send donations to : Veterans Services Dept., 681 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, Ma. 01030

Tolland Weather



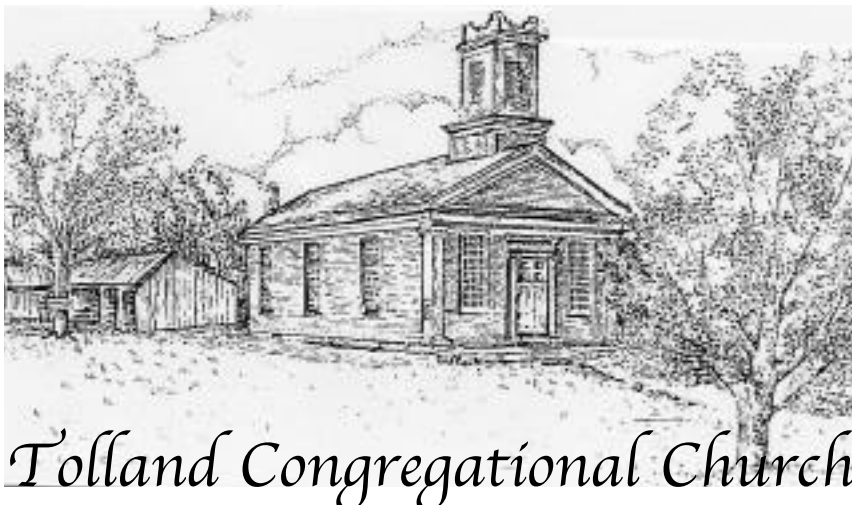
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BAROMETRIC PRESS.	30.47	May 23	9am	29.43	June 4	4pm
WIND SPEED/DIR.	29 NW	May 20	5pm			
WIND CHILL						
TOTAL RAINFALL	6.10 in.					



For the period: May 20 to June 17, 2007

Elevation: 1500 feet above sea level

High Country weather prepared by Steve Strinie



Tolland Congregational Church

Tolland
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Church



Services will continue
thru August 26
at 10:30am

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